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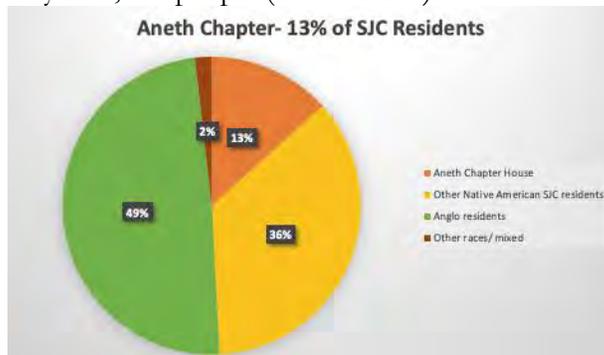
A Majority of Residents in San Juan County Supports Bears Ears-5/19

On April 16th, 2019, a few Monticello and Blanding residents made public comments during the San Juan County Commission meeting asserting San Juan County local residents do not support Bears Ears. Additionally, these anglo citizens seem to have no awareness of their Native neighbors representation challenges by anglo commissioners over the past 100+ years. (See November, 2014 Public Comment Process below.) Kim Henderson made threats to file voter referendum one after another against Commission resolutions, and Rep. Phil Lyman is still threatening to split the county along racial lines. Anglo citizens should begin attending the 7 monthly Chapter House meetings to listen to what your neighbors want? When you do, you will find intact cultures, civic engagement, and respectful dialogue where entire communities are working together to address many challenges. You will find unity around Bears Ears, and you will find a sense of hope that perhaps the San Juan County Commission can help them for the first time ever.

*“I am fully convinced that the majority of anglos in SJC are against the Bears Ears Monument. **I am also convinced that the majority of Navajo in our county are against Bears Ears.** I am convinced by not only one, but two Chapter House votes against Bears Ears. Of course Aneth representing the majority of Navajo in San Juan County. So it appears we have a vast majority against Bears Ears.”*

Shanon Brooks, Monticello, 4/16/19, San Juan County Commission Mtg
Video link: <https://youtu.be/g6ZtzM2QsAI>

Mr. Brooks comment reflects the **false narrative you hear in Blanding and Monticello that results in Native Americans feeling disenfranchised.** Aneth Chapter House citizens comprise only 13% of San Juan County or 1,989 people (2010 census).



Further complicating Shanon’s statement is in October, 2017 a vote to support Bears Ears was blocked at the Aneth Chapter by former Commissioner Benally, and recent MAC advisory appointee and Chapter vice-President Alfred Ben, perhaps knowing they would lose. Aneth voted once in favor and twice against Bears Ears since 2010, but the other six Chapters in Utah, the entire Navajo Nation Council has been consistent in its support. So, assuming Aneth residents are evenly split (a generous assumption), all told; **Navajo support for Bears Ears sits at about 90% in support of Bears Ears.** (see 2017 vote tally below.) Bluff and Spanish Valley residents who are predominantly Anglo, are also predominantly in support of Bears Ears.

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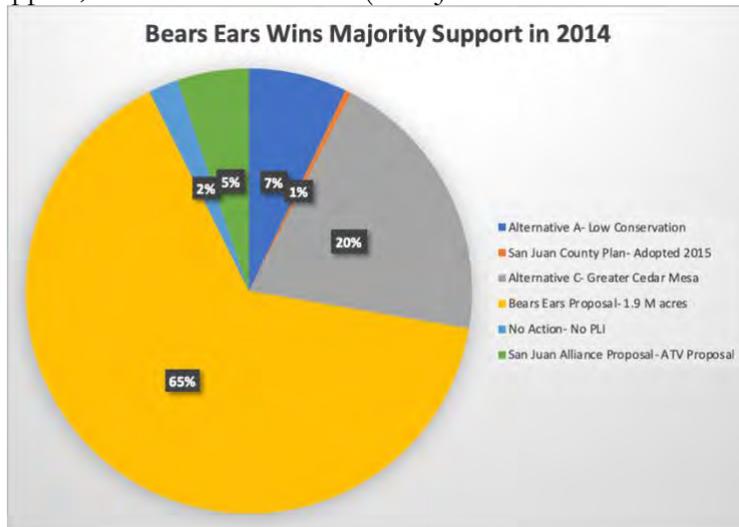
The majority of San Juan County residents support Bears Ears National Monument!



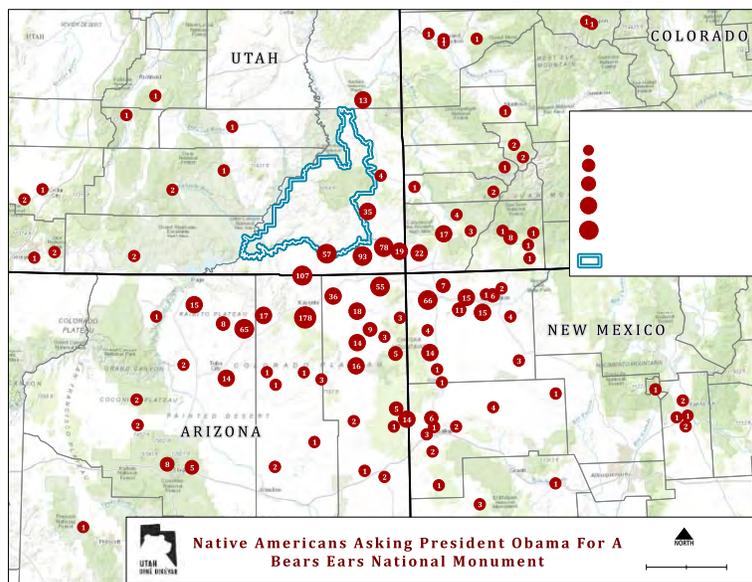
History of public comments, voting, and polling on the issue of Bears Ears in San Juan County citizens over the past 9 years

May, 2010: **7 Utah Navajo Chapter Houses pass resolutions** to carry out land planning and engage in Senator Bennett’s Land-Use bill. During the following year, more than 70 local elders are interviewed from all 7 Chapter Houses and request extensive land conservation across San Juan County public lands. Their ethnographic data becomes the basis for the 1.9 million acre Bears Ears proposal.

December, 2014: **Bears Ears proposal wins 65% of support of all San Juan County residents.** This county-wide public engagement process was run by San Juan County Commission. See report compiled by Nick Sandburg below. Alternative B that San Juan County eventually adopts, receives two comments of support; less than 1% of total. (See SJC Lands Bill Comment Summary 12-8-14)



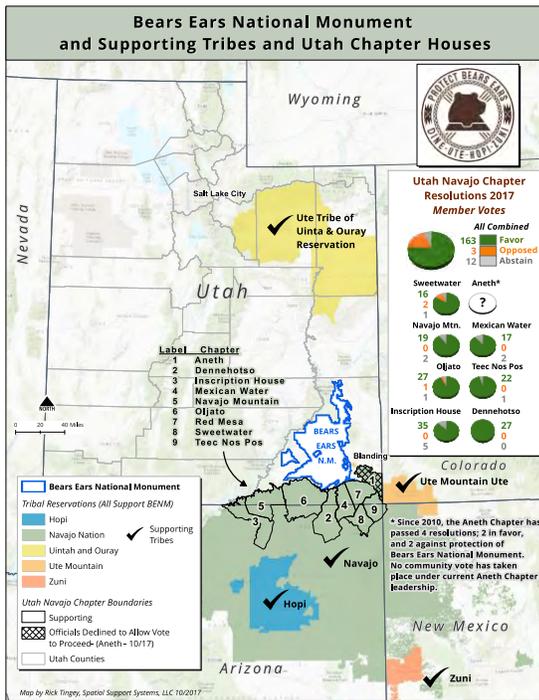
May, 2016: **Thousands of Native Americans sign letters asking President Obama to create 1.9 million acre Bears Ears National Monument.** Below map shows population centers of support.





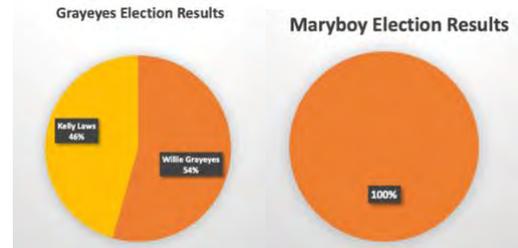
Native Americans support Bears Ears protection

November, 2017: **92% of voting Chapter House attendees (163 citizens) ask President Trump to leave Bears Ears alone!** President Trump reduces Bears Ears by 1.1 million acres on December 4th, 2017. 51% of SJC residents are Native American.

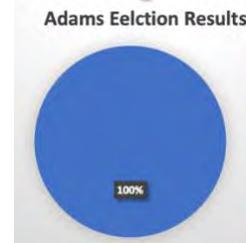


November, 2018: **Kenneth Maryboy and Willie Grayeyes are elected to San Juan County Commission.** The two commissioners ran on campaign platforms promising to restore Bears Ears National Monument, and then were elected! Note: Maryboy and Adams ran unopposed in general election.

Pro- Bears Ears Commissioners



Anti-Bears Ears Commissioner





Excerpts from Bears Ears Proposal- Exhibit 1- Timeline (Insert Link)- October 15, 2015

2014

- October: San Juan County confirms its July agreement to include Bears Ears proposal in SJC list of alternatives for its public process.
- October: San Juan County proposes five Open Houses in Oljato, Bluff, Blanding, Monticello, and LaSal to hear local preferences for land-use alternatives. Only one meeting is scheduled in a Native community. UDB offers to convene additional meetings on reservation, provide translation skills, and create radio ads to ensure people hear about event. SJC agrees and asks UDB to partner on Open Houses. SJC also asks UDB to run the open house at the Navajo Mountain community without representation from SJC due to the high travel cost, and provides UDB chairman Willie Grayeyes with copies of maps of alternatives.
- UDB delivers Bears Ears GIS layer package of the Bears Ears proposal to San Juan County. On March 4th, 2015 this same layer package is sent to Casey Snyder and Cody Stewart from Congressman Bishop and Governor Herbert's offices.
- October: San Juan County excludes Bears Ears proposal from its list of land-use alternatives for its public process. UDB asks why the County has asked it to partner on Native outreach if the County is not including the Native proposal for Bears Ears.
- October: SJC adds one Open House in the Aneth community (on-reservation), but fails to run radio ads, send flyers to Chapter Houses, or even obtain the mailing addresses for hundreds of San Juan County residents who retrieve their mail at PO Boxes in Arizona. Consequently, Native American turn-out was low at San Juan County Open Houses (25-35 people total).
- November: UDB organizes seven Town Hall Meetings to ensure that all Native American communities in Utah have the ability to submit comments to the PLI process. UDB conducts outreach by running radio ads and posting flyers at Chapter Houses. 250-350 Native community members attend discussions.
- December, 2014: **Bears Ears proposal wins 65% of support from San Juan County residents** during public engagement process run by San Juan County Commission. Alternative B that San Juan County eventually adopts, receives two comments of support; less than 1% of total. (See SJC Lands Bill Comment Summary 12-8-14)

LANDS BILL PUBLIC COMMENTS (Nov./Dec. 2014)

12-8-14

Comments	<u>Alternative or Proposal</u>
33	Lands Council Alternative A
2	Lands Council Alternative B
93	Lands Council Alternative C (some proposed additional protected areas)
24	San Juan Alliance Proposal (includes some who noted Alt. A as second choice)
300	Dine Bikeyah Proposal - includes petition of 246 signatures (21 with comments; 194 SJC residents, 52 likely non-SJC residents w/out-of-county/state mailing addresses); 97 comment letters+ 7 likely non-SJC resident comments + 2 unsigned/unaddressed comments; and 9 verbal comment transcripts Greater Canyonlands NCA (The Nature Conservancy) Red Rock Wilderness All Share and Get Along No preference until details of legislative narrative worked out Any proposal should be as limited as possible and no road closures
10	No Bill [continue current management; or Alt. A if pushed (2); no road closures]
467	Total (may include some duplicate comments from same commenter) Three resolutions supporting Dine Bikeyah efforts (Navajo Utah Commission, Navajo Mountain Chapter, and Oljato Chapter)
5	Additional non-resident comments supporting various alternatives or proposal